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Dear Mr. Imaizumi:

We acknowledge receipt of your communication dated August 1, 2005, requesting an extension of your limited recognition which expired July 1, 2005. You have been assigned limited recognition number L0046.

Your application reveals that you are a nonimmigrant who is temporarily residing in the United States. You are present in the United States on an H-1B visa issued to nonimmigrant aliens who are authorized to be employed in the United States by a specific employer, and are subject to employment restrictions described in one or more sections of Chapter 1 of Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations. 8 CFR § 247a.12(b). You are authorized to be employed in the United States by only the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, in connection with the preparation and prosecution of patent applications. Your H-1B visa expires on July 1, 2008. Accordingly, you could not accept clients or employment as a registered patent agent or attorney other than the clients of your present employer. Further, "[a]ny unauthorized employment by a nonimmigrant constitutes a failure to maintain status within the meaning of . . . " 8 U.S.C. § 1251(a)(9) and 8 CFR § 214.1(e).

Accordingly, as long as you remain in the United States on a visa limiting your employment to a specific employer, you are precluded by the terms of your visa under 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15) from being registered.

In view of the limitations placed upon you by your visa, it would appear that you would not be free, as a registered practitioner, to be employed by other than your present employer, the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, or to acquire your own clients. You are not being registered as a patent attorney or patent agent. However, inasmuch as you have passed the examination and demonstrated possession of the required technical qualifications, pursuant to 37 CFR § 11.9(b), you are hereby granted limited recognition through July 1, 2008, to prosecute patent applications wherein the patent applicant is a client of the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, and a registered practitioner, who is a member of the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, is the attorney or agent of record in the application. However, if prior to July 1, 2008, your employer changes, your visa status changes, or you cease to reside in the United States, your limited recognition shall automatically expire.

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Limited recognition is granted for a period not to exceed your authorization for employment. If on July 1, 2008, you continue to legally reside in the United States on an H-1B visa and your employment status has not changed, you may request that your limited recognition be extended. Such a request must be in writing to the Director of Enrollment and Discipline, and should verify your visa status, employment, and your correct address.

Consistent with the terms of 37 CFR § 11.11, you are required to <u>promptly</u> notify the Director of any change of address. See 37 CFR § 10.23(c)(14).

Enclosed is a master copy of a grant of limited recognition. The original grant of limited recognition is on file in the Office of Enrollment and Discipline. The grant includes your limited recognition number. The limited recognition number must be included under your signature in each document you file in each patent application you prosecute. You must also include your limited recognition number in all correspondence with the Office of Enrollment and Discipline. You may use your limited recognition number to obtain or be added to an existing customer number and to access PAIR. Information regarding the customer number is attached.

You are reminded that if you cease to lawfully reside in the United States, if your visa expires, or your employment with the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, ceases or is terminated, whichever occurs first, you must promptly file notice of the same and withdraw from representation in each patent application where you have used your limited recognition number. You also must file notice with the Office of Enrollment and Discipline. You may no longer use your limited recognition number if you cease to lawfully reside in the United States, if your visa expires, or your employment with the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, ceases or is terminated.

If you obtain from the USCIS authorization to change employers or an extension of your visa and authorized employment, promptly communicate a copy of all documents submitted to and received from the USCIS to facilitate a smooth transition or extension of your limited recognition.

Respectfully,

Harry I. Moatz

Director of Enrollment and Discipline

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BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT AND DISCIPLINE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

LIMITED RECOGNITION UNDER 37 CFR § 11.9(b)

Toshikatsu Imiazumi is hereby given limited recognition under 37 CFR § 11.9(b), as an employee of the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, to prepare and prosecute patent applications wherein the patent applicant is a client of the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, and a registered practitioner, who is a member of the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, is the practitioner of record in the applications. This limited recognition shall expire on the date appearing below, or when whichever of the following events first occurs prior to the date appearing below: (i) Toshikatsu Imiazumi ceases to lawfully reside in the United States, (ii) Toshikatsu Imiazumi's employment with the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer, PLLC, ceases or is terminated, or (iii) Toshikatsu Imiazumi ceases to remain or reside in the United States on an H-1B visa.

This document constitutes proof of such limited recognition. The original of this document is on file in the Office of Enrollment and Discipline of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Limited Recognition No. <u>L0046</u>

Expires: July 1, 2008

Harry I. Moatz

Director of Enrollment and Discipline